



## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

August 30, 2006

Chairman Tom Coburn  
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management  
Attn. Anna Shopen  
439 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2006 regarding the University's federal government relations efforts and appropriated funds received as a result of this effort. Chancellor and President Nancy Cantor asked me to respond in my capacity as Vice President for Research.

Syracuse University is a nationally recognized research institution with world-class faculty that seeks financial support for its educational and research mission from a number of sources, including federal, state and private funds. We are an enterprise that produces achievements and discoveries that directly impact the City of Syracuse, Central New York, and our state and nation.

A critical part of the University's Scholarship in Action vision is our commitment to engage our region and world — by partnering with the private sector, fellow universities, research institutions, and others to create new innovations that will allow our city, region and nation to succeed in the global marketplace of ideas, resources, and competition. Partnering with the private sector, local government, and civic and community organizations, we have undertaken a series of major initiatives that are strengthening and invigorating the City of Syracuse and our region.

We are proud of the role Syracuse University plays fostering new innovations, bold discoveries and enterprising opportunities locally, nationally and globally. Each dollar of investment that Syracuse University receives - be it from the private sector, private foundations, or state or federal government - is utilized in an effective manner that truly benefits our communities and serves the public good.

Thank you again for your letter. We have a strong relationship with our congressional delegation and agree with you that both academic institutions and Members of Congress must exercise care and judgment in selecting projects that are deserving of federal financial support. If you require additional information, I respectfully suggest that you reach out to your New York House and Senate colleagues.

Sincerely,

Ben R. Ware  
Vice President for Research